

bring this bill back is because ConAgra put the heat to all of you. That's why you want to bring it back. The Governor got busy and the news media dutifully reported how they were cracking heads all weekend and people were backing away a hundred miles an hour. If you find a bunch of roaches and you drop a lighted match among them, they move faster than if they see Raid coming out of the sky. That's what the Legislature did, not because of me. I'm not the reason this bill is on the position it's on now. You all put it there. And what you want to say is that there's a bill that you all treasure with every fiber of your being and one which I detest with every fiber of my being, and you've used everything, including suspending the rules, to get it where you got it and you don't want me to work within the rules to do what I'm doing. Senator Abboud talked about Senator Chambers doesn't want us to deal with the rules. I am within the rules. Those who suspend the rules want to move outside the rules, so we need to get some things clear. And when people get angry they shouldn't let their mind become fogged so that they cannot see the reality that is there. The amendments that I'm offering are offered in much better faith than the senators who are going to vote to take the Conway amendment off. Now, Senator Johnson talked about being terrorized inside; I presume by myself. Okay. A much greater terrorization is occurring from outside by ConAgra. That's why all of the people started scurrying to bring the bill back to take off the Conway amendment. You all ought to listen to some of the things you're saying and see how ridiculous it sounds. Now, Senator Abboud talked about more jobs, more revenue created by this bill, which has been referred to as "business welfare", and it just happens that there was a study conducted by our own Research Department dealing with rankings among the 50 states on state and local taxes per capita. It talks about some of the comparisons in the text and how Nebraska fairs better than all these other states and better than Iowa, anyway. What conclusions can be drawn from the rankings if one... Senator Abboud, this is for you, if one... especially for you but it's for everybody. They can listen, too, if they want to. If one assumes that there is a strong correlation between taxes and economic development, the lower taxes, the greater the potential for economic development, then Nebraska now enjoys a competitive advantage over Iowa. However, the assumption that low taxes alone lead to greater economic development to the creation of more jobs is heavily disputed by most empirical studies on the subject. In fact, most studies have concluded that state and local taxes have no detectable influence on business location and investment decisions. Factors other than taxes, Senator